

## CITY AFFAIRS.

## Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen—Mr. T. O. Bunting Elected Tax Lister—Other Matters.

The board of aldermen held a special meeting last night at 8 o'clock in response to a call issued yesterday by Mayor S. P. Wright. There were present Aldermen Keith, Twining, Hewlett, Benson, Walker and Green. Alderman Norwood was absent on account of sickness.

Mayor Wright presided, and stated that the object of the meeting was to elect a tax collector.

City Clerk F. B. Rice corrected the mayor by saying "tax lister, you mean."

The election of a city tax lister being declared in order, Alderman Hewlett placed Mr. T. O. Bunting in nomination for the place.

Alderman Green asked if there was not a bid in for doing that work. He said he was under the impression that Captain A. L. DeRosset had a bid in.

Mayor Wright did not seem to remember that there was a bid in, but the city clerk informed him that Captain DeRosset had a bid in, offering to list the city taxes for \$250. This bid was made in response to an advertisement calling for bids and was the only one submitted.

Alderman Keith suggested that the compensation ought to be fixed at not over \$250, if there was a bid in to do it for that.

Mayor Wright said Mr. Bunting had been elected taxlister for the county and one man generally did the work for both the county and city.

Mr. Keith said that was a good idea, as the work could be done by one better than by two. He remarked that Captain DeRosset was competent to do the work and he had no objection to him.

Alderman Hewlett said he would amend his motion by making the compensation \$250, in accordance with Alderman Keith's suggestion.

Alderman Keith then seconded the nomination of Mr. Bunting and he was elected. Alderman Benson alone voting "No."

Mayor Wright informed the board that at the meeting on Saturday night the matter of awarding the contract for lighting the city with gas had been overlooked. He stated that the only bid in was by the Wilmington Gaslight Company.

Alderman Hewlett thereupon moved that the contract be awarded to the Wilmington Gaslight Company. The motion was adopted.

The mayor stated that the next business before the board was the bill of Messrs. Wallace & Parmele for \$1,350.40 for laying shells on Castle street from Front to Seventh street. He said he understood that the contract with Messrs. Wallace & Parmele was for grading and laying shells, but he learned that the city hands had done the grading and therefore he had declined to approve the bill, unless the cost of the grading should be deducted from the bill.

Messrs. E. G. Parmele and T. E. Wallace were present, and Mayor Wright, saying that he referred the matter to the board for its action, invited Mr. Parmele to make a statement to the board.

Mr. Parmele read the contract he and Mr. Wallace had with the old board of aldermen, and also read the bid for doing the work. He also read the advertisement calling for bids, and said he and Mr. Wallace had fulfilled their contract. He said it was true that the contract called for the grading and shelling of the street, but that the understanding was that the grade was to be that of the street railway.

The mayor and the streets and wharves committee had decided, however, to grade the street 2½ feet in some places between third and Fourth streets and between Fourth and Fifth streets. This, he explained, had nothing to do with their contract and they were not responsible for it, as nothing was said in the call for bids about grading of this extent.

Mr. Parmele then read an affidavit from seven members of the old board, substantiating his statement that the understanding was that they were to shell and grade the street by the grade of the street railway.

In response to a question, Mr. Parmele said the shells, according to contract, had been laid to a width of ten feet and a depth of six inches.

Mr. Wallace also explained the contract along the line mentioned by Mr. Parmele.

Mr. Jos. H. McRee, the city engineer, was present, and in answer to a question said the work on the street was done under his supervision and that the shells had been laid ten feet wide on both sides of the street car track and six inches deep.

Alderman Green moved to approve Messrs. Wallace & Parmele's bill.

Alderman Twining said he contractors ought to be held up to the contract and Mr. Parmele again explained the matter and called his attention to the affidavit of the seven old aldermen bearing out his statement.

Alderman Green renewed his motion to approve the bill.

Alderman Keith moved as a substitute that the matter be left to Mayor Wright and Engineer McRee, with authority to call in two more persons if they cannot agree.

The substitute was then adopted.

The clerk then read a petition from Mr. J. Shirer to be allowed to erect a two-story frame building with a metal roof on Front street near Grace street.

Alderman Green, in view of the fact that Alderman Keith had left, made the point of order that no quorum was present.

The mayor reminded him that unless the point of "no quorum" was raised the board could go on with the business.

Alderman Green, however, held to his point of order, and moved to adjourn.

The motion was adopted, and the board adjourned at 9:10 o'clock.

## THE CRIMINAL COURT.

## The Special Term Convened Yesterday With Judge Sutton on the Bench—Twenty-Four Cases Disposed Of.

A special term of the criminal circuit court for New Hanover county, in accordance with the order of His Honor Judge Thomas H. Sutton, of Fayetteville, convened here yesterday morning at 10 a. m., Judge Sutton presiding. The officers of the court in attendance were Solicitor M. C. Richardson, Clerk W. R. French, and Deputy Sheriff W. W. King.

The following grand jury was drawn and empanelled: G. T. Grotgen, T. B. Carney, J. T. Jarrott, J. B. Wiggins, J. M. Chadwick, J. H. Hinton, E. T. Huggins, J. W. McCartney, J. F. Casten, Patrick Glavin, J. H. Summerlin, Joseph McDougald, Herbert Edwards, John G. Casten, John McLaurin, R. W. Merritt, J. E. Silva, John A. Wilson.

By order of the court, Mr. John McLaurin was appointed foreman of the grand jury and H. W. Penny was sworn as officer of the jury.

Judge Sutton then delivered a clear and comprehensive charge to the jury, and instructed them thoroughly on the law and as to their duties.

The jury retired and returned sundry indictments, and the court took up and tried cases as follows:

State vs. John Price, colored, resisting an officer. Defendant submitted and was fined \$5 and the costs.

State vs. B. F. Brittain, resisting an officer and assault and battery with a deadly weapon. Defendant submitted and judgment was suspended in payment of the costs.

State vs. Thomas Benson and Scipio Sterling, assault and battery with a deadly weapon. The defendants submitted and were each fined \$5 and the costs.

State vs. Wm. Reddy, colored, carrying concealed deadly weapon. Defendant submitted and was fined \$5 and the costs. The court remitted the fine.

State vs. Fred Geyer, colored, assault and battery with a deadly weapon. Defendant submitted and was fined \$5 and the costs.

State vs. Henry Lee, colored, resisting an officer. Defendant submitted and judgment was suspended on payment of the costs.

State vs. Ed. Brown, colored, resisting an officer, two cases. Defendant submitted and judgment was suspended on payment of the costs in each case.

State vs. Charles Nixon and Geo. Nixon, affray. Defendant Charles Nixon submitted and judgment was suspended on payment of the costs. Defendant George Nixon was called and failed. A judgment nisi was ordered and a capias was issued.

State vs. James Brock, resisting an officer. Defendant submitted and was fined \$5 and the costs.

State vs. Wm. Nixon, colored, assault and battery with a deadly weapon. Defendant submitted and was fined \$5 and the costs.

State vs. Harry Baines, nuisance. Defendant submitted and was sentenced to three months in the county workhouse. The county commissioners were authorized to hire him out.

State vs. Henry Barnes, nuisance. Defendant submitted and judgment was suspended.

State vs. Ella Hill, colored, assault and battery with a deadly weapon. Defendant submitted and judgment was suspended on payment of the costs.

State vs. Owen Dove, carrying concealed deadly weapon. Defendant submitted and judgment was suspended on payment of the costs.

State vs. Charles Mazone and Richard Nelson, colored, affray. Defendants submitted. Mazone was fined \$15 and the costs, and Nelson was fined \$10 and the costs.

State vs. Bruce Sellers, injury to personal property, not proved.

State vs. J. Cole, colored, assault and battery with a deadly weapon. Defendant submitted and was fined \$2 and the costs.

State vs. Lilly Holmes, colored, assault and battery with a deadly weapon. Defendant pleaded not guilty; verdict not guilty.

State vs. Tim Davis, larceny, pleaded not guilty. The jury found a verdict of guilty and defendant was sentenced to four months in the workhouse. The commissioners were authorized to hire him out.

State vs. Wm. Pearsall, colored, resisting an officer. Defendant submitted and judgment was suspended on payment of the costs.

State vs. George Wright, colored, resisting an officer. Defendant submitted and was sentenced to four months in the workhouse. The commissioners were authorized to hire him out.

The grand jury returned a true bill against Edward Sharpless, colored, indicted for the murder of Sam Register, colored, on the 17th of last March, near Castle Haynes. We understand that Sharpless will put in a plea of manslaughter.

Judge Sutton announced that the costs in all cases before this court must be paid and that no costs would be carried over till the next term.

In disposing of the cases for resisting officers, Judge Sutton remarked that there seemed to be many cases of this kind about here and warned the defendants that they must obey the law, or suffer the penalties. He said it was a serious thing to resist the officers of the law and that the laws must be obeyed.

Judge Sutton rushes business through in a hurry and is making a good impression on his first service here as a judge.

The court at 5:15 p. m. took a recess till 10 o'clock this morning.

## Sunday Cutting Affray.

In a difficulty at Sixth and Queen streets, Sunday night, about 9:30 o'clock, John Williams, a young white man about 17 years of age, used a razor on another young man named Spurley Cumber, cutting a gash five inches long in the muscles of his arm.

The wounded man was taken to Dr. Stokes' drug store, at Fifth and Castle streets, where he was attended by Drs. Shepard and Stokes. He was then carried home and was getting along very well yesterday.

It is said that Cumber remonstrated with Williams for telling his father that he (Cumber) had been drinking beer in a saloon, and accused him of making false statements about him to his father. Williams resented the remark and given him by Cumber, and an affray resulted, with the above result.

"Half a span of angry steel" will produce no more fatal results than a neglected cold or cough. For all throat and lung diseases, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is the best remedy. It is invaluable in cases of croup, whooping cough, bronchitis and la grippe.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES.

## Rev. Dr. Strange in Memory of the Late Dr. J. C. Huske—Notes.

(Correspondence of The Messenger.)

Fayetteville, N. C., April 26. Rev. Dr. Strange, of Wilmington, addressed a large concourse of worshippers at St. Thomas' chapel, three miles west of town, yesterday morning—his discourse a tribute to the spotless life and godly walk of the reverend and lamented Dr. J. C. Huske. From all the surrounding country the gathering was large, augmented by hundreds who rode out from the city.

Was it strange that the occasion inspired this cultured scholar to an effort which thrilled the hearts of his intelligent audience; that the eloquent theme not only enlisted the best powers of his mind, but mightily stirred the very depths of his soul, and that his listeners, loving, like him, the good priest who had been called to his rest, were his? Dr. Strange's touching, classical sermon was delivered by request in St. John's church last night.

St. Thomas' chapel, the beautiful little church on Hyatt hill, has a fair page of history. Near by is the home of a prominent family, noble "women of Israel," Mrs. Hyatt, Mrs. McLean, Miss Hyatt, Miss Weeks—all passed away, "carrying their searves with them," but the last named. They formed the nucleus of the movement which culminated in this sylvan temple, where for many years, with pure heart and moving tongue, the beloved Joseph Huske ministered to this flock—serene, not sultry.

"These unshrinking people of the woods." From the great house on the plantation or the little cabin down by the swamp—often those of other sects, for all loved the rector—they came to listen in prayer, and the faithful minister brought to this simple work all the fervor and consecration of purpose which had made him a power in all the august assemblies of the diocese. Be sure those people will "keep his memory green."

The Westminster commemorative services will take place in the Presbyterian church on Wednesday and Thursday; they will be of unusual interest, and will be duly reported to The Messenger.

Congratulations to The Messenger from its many friends up this way on its splendid edition of yesterday (Sunday).

Considerable repairs are being made on the private cottages on the beach, and some new additions are being added. We learn that Mr. H. U. Butters is to build another cottage.

Work is being pushed by the Wilmington Seacoast Railroad Company on its roadway and trestle work, and, altogether, the beach presents an animated appearance these days.

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The revival at Grace Church. The revival at Grace M. E. Church still goes on with increasing interest. Tremendous congregations attended the morning and night services on Sunday, and Dr. Lettwith preached two powerful sermons. At 4:15 p. m. he preached a sermon to men only. The church was crowded with men, and he delivered a sermon of deep earnestness. There were many penitents at the altar, and four confessed conversion.

The services were well attended yesterday morning and there was a very large congregation last night.

Quite a number of the preachers of the different churches of the city are regular attendants upon the services and are not only enjoying the services but are taking an active part in them.

Not Complete Without the Messenger. Messrs. Branch & Co., bankers, of the up-to-date town of Wilson, who have been adding extensive improvements to their already large banking house, in ordering the daily Messenger are kind enough to say:

"We cannot complete our improvements without adding The Messenger to our furniture, so send it on to us and call for subscription price."

This makes the third copy of The Messenger now going to this bank, and those connected in some way with it. Ex-Judge H. G. Connor is president, and Mr. J. C. Hales is cashier. It is one of the finest banking houses in the state, being under able and experienced management, as well as being guaranteed against any possibility of loss to its patrons by the entire estate of the late lamented A. Branch, amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

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Rev. R. C. Beaman. Rev. R. C. Beaman, presiding elder of Wilmington district, preached on Sunday night at Market Street church. It was, without a taint or suggestion of exaggeration, a sermon of power and eloquence. No minister we ever heard had more distinct and unmistakable individuality than he. In construction, in manner of presentation, in illustration, in sweep of thought, in vocabulary he is essentially a preacher. Unlike some other preachers, no one will ever think of charging him with purloining other people's intellectual goods. His personality is impressed upon every sentence. In the higher ranges of thought and in the richness and fullness of his vocabulary that is responsive to every demand, he is most marked, most gifted.

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## THE BEACH HOTEL.

## The new hotel at Wrightsville Beach is being pushed forward rapidly.

The frame is up and the roof will be put on this week. The weatherboarding is now being rapidly put on, and the building begins to assume the proportions of a house. The hotel will be done by the 1st of June, as contracted for. As soon as the roof is on and the weatherboarding is completed the painters will follow on the outside, and the interior work will be taken in hand by the carpenters. It will present a very handsome appearance and will be a credit to the city and this popular seaside resort.

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